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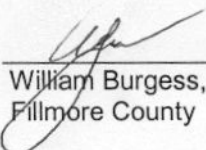
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To: Nebraska Public Service Commission

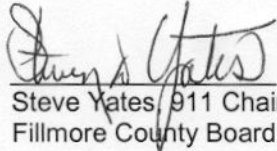
Subject: Docket 911-017/PI-116 Matter of the Public Service Commission to establish interim policies for the Administration of the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund pending implementation of LB 1222

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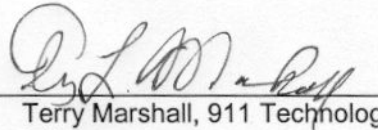
We have an interest in the manner and philosophy of the implementation of LB 1222. As we see the bill, it provides for filling in funding gaps, development of an implementation plan and addresses funding of the wireless 911 Fund. It is evident that the Public Service Commission has made considerable progress in the development of 911 in the State of Nebraska. In order for this to occur it has also taken counties and regions to make a commitment to implement the various phases of 911. Counties have a responsibility to develop 911 and have had fiscal support available from the States and local funds for many years. Counties have had the ability to implement a surcharge on wire-lines in each respective county or region through State Law. It is noted through information available from the PSC shows some counties ONLY with basic 911, some are in the process of implementing E-911, some have completed E-911 and are proceeding with Phase I and many have implemented Phase I and are ready for Phase II. Many counties are in GIS development and with many counties having PSC approval and some have completed GIS. We have to assume that counties who have not progressed towards eventual implementation of Phase II 911 have implemented a 911 surcharge. If this is accurate then the next question is what has been done with the funds collected? How the surcharge can be used is somewhat open ended and has been broadly interpreted. While the intent of the collection of funds is to develop a 911 system, we understand some counties have utilized 911 funds for a variety of purposes over the years. If a county is audited as to how they utilize the 911 surcharge funds and they have used them with the intended purpose of 911 implementation and not for other purposes then they may have to make some adjustments. Fillmore County's population is just over 6,000 persons and the surcharge does not cover all 911 costs but the County has made 911 a priority issue so where funding gaps exist some county funds are used. If 911 wire-line funds have been used for other purposes than 911 we would have a concern about funding that county with State funds because of their possible mis-management and intent of use of the 911 surcharge. We would encourage the Public Service Commission to focus upon those areas where Phase I is being implemented, up-dated wireless equipment needs have been identified and development of GIS data for Phase II as a priority since that will address the greatest amount of population. It is our position that counties who are lagging in progressive development of 911 goals towards the implementation of Phase II should not be placed at a higher priority level than those counties who have completed Phase I, are in the process of 911 GIS mapping and are ready for equipment to implement Phase II. This in effect penalizes those counties who have committed to see Phase II implemented if Phase II is held up so others can catch up. The implementation of Phase II has been a goal of most counties and implementing Phase II will serve to benefit a large amount of our State population.



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